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TRUMAN'S EXAMPLE AND COULD FIND A WAY TO HELP THE
NEW ADMINISTRATION BY COURAGEOUSLY WORKING FOR
MORE FLEXIBLE POSTURE IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION. THIS
MIGHT NOT BE IMMEDIATELY WELL RECEIVED IN TURKEY BUT
JUST IN TERMS OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION ITSELF, SUCH
A MOVE WAS CLEARLY IN TURKEY'S INTEREST, AND IT WOULD
HELP ENORMOUSLY THOSE PEOPLE IN THE AMERICAN GOVERN-
MENT WHO WERE TRYING TO GET THE US/TURKISH RELATIONSHIP
ON THE MEND. I WAS SURE THAT THIS WAS NOT AN EASY
THING FOR TURKISH LEADERS, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT WE
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WERE BACK IN A PERIOD OF POSSIBLE COALITION GOVERNMENT,
BUT I HOPED THAT HE WOULD HELP IN THIS EFFORT, AND AGAIN
I STRESSED MY CONVICTION THAT, REGARDLESS OF THE
GOVERNMENTAL SITUATION, HE WOULD BE A KEY, AND I HOPED

TRUMANSEQUE, FIGURE IN SUCH AN EFFORT.

5. THE DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO THE CLIFFORD EFFORT. I EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE VIEW PUT FORWARD IN SOME TURKISH QUARTERS THAT SECRETARY CLIFFORD WAS BIASED AGAINST THE TURKS. I EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THIS WAS NOT THE GREEK VIEW. I SAID THAT I HAD NOT AGREED WITH ALL OF SECRETARY CLIFFORD'S CONCLUSIONS BUT THAT I KNEW OF HIS STRONG COMMITMENT TO NATO, HIS FULL RECOGNITION OF TURKEY'S IMPORTANCE TO A STRONG NATO AND HIS DETERMINATION TO FIND A WAY TO RESTORE THE US/TURKISH SECURITY PARTNERSHIP. I URGED TURKEY TO COOPERATE WITH MR. CLIFFORD'S CONTINUING EFFORTS FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.

6. OUR CONVERSATION THEN ENDED WITH MY SPEAKING OF RON SPIERS OUTSTANDING REPUTATION AND MY GRATIFICATION AT BEING SUCCEEDED BY SUCH AN ABLE AND EFFECTIVE DIPLOMAT.

7. COMMENT: TANNED BY HIS DAYS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, DEMIREL SEEMED FIT BUT TIRED-AND FOR THE PARTICULAR PERIOD I WAS WITH HIM MORE CONTEMPLATIVE AND LESS POSITIVE AND ASSERTIVE THAN IS HIS USUAL STYLE. HE WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE ELECTION SITUATION AND DID NOT REACT WITH HIS USUAL ENERGY AND INTEREST WHEN THE CONVERSATION FOCUSSED ON US-TURKISH RELATIONSHIPS. MY REPEATED ALLUSIONS TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN WERE CALCULATED, AS DEMIREL LIKES TO VIEW HIMSELF AS TURKEY'S COUNTERPART TO THIS AMERICAN PRESIDENT WHOM HE MOST ADMIRES.

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8. AS FOR THE POST-ELECTION SITUATION HERE, I MUST STRESS TO ALL INTERESTED ELEMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE ANYONE CAN SAY WITH ANY CERTAINTY WHAT GOVERNMENTAL SITUATION WILL EVENTUALLY EMERGE. AT THE MOMENT NO ONE-MR. DEMIREL, MR. ECEVIT NOR ANYONE ELSE-CAN SEE THIS WITH ANY CERTAINLY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DURATION OF THIS UNCERTAIN PERIOD WILL BE FOR ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS, BUT IT COULD GO ON FOR MANY WEEKS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL HEAR MANY RUMORS, AND THESE COULD RUN A WIDE GAMUT. WE MAY HEAR AT ONE MOMENT THAT ECEVIT HAS OBTAINED SUFFICIENT DEFECTIONS FROM THE OTHER PARTYS' PARLIAMENTARIANS TO GET HIS MAJORITY, OR THAT HE HAS MADE A DEAL WITH ERBAKAN'S (NSP) PARTY, OR THAT HE HAS SPLIT THE NSP AND THAT ENOUGH MEMBERS OF THIS PARLIMENTARY GROUP WILL JOIN HIM TO GIVE HIM A MAJORITY, OR THAT ECEVIT IS TO BE PERMITTED BY THE OTHER PAARTIES TO FORM A MINORITY

GOVERNMENT (A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE REQUIRES ONLY A MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING). OR WE MAY HEAR TALK THAT DEMIREL'S CURRENT COALITION WILL HANG TOGETHER.(IT HAS A MAJORITY IN THE NEW PARLIMANET AND CAN NOT ONLY BLICK ECEVIT BUT PERHAPS GET ITSELF TOGETHER AGAIN TO PUT BACK IN OFFICE PRETTY MUCH WHAT WE HAVE NOW.) STILL OTHER RUMORS MAY SUGGEST THAT A "GRAND COALITION" (I.E. A COALITION OF ECEVIT'S AND DEMIREL'S TWO MAJOR PARTYIES) IS ABOUT TO BE FORMED. THIS WOULD BE LEAD BY A "NEUTRAL" PRIMIN AND IS SOMETHING THE POLITICIANS HERE GENERALLY OPPOSE BUT WHICHMANY INFLUENTIAL NON-POLITICANS FAVOR. IF NONE OF THESE RUMORS-OR VARIATIONS ON THEM-BEGIN TO JELL AND PARTICULARLY IF THE CIVIL DISORDER SITUATION BEGINS TO HEAT UP, THEY MAY THEN BE JOINED BY PREDICTIONS OF A MILITARY INTERVENTION. BUT THE BASIC POINT TO BE AGAIN EMPHASIZED IS THAT AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO WAY OF KNOWING WITH CONFIDENCE HOW THE CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES WILL BE RESOLVED OR WHETHER THIS WILL BE EFFECTED IN
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A MATTER OF A FEW DAYS' TIME OR END UP TAKING FAR LONGER.
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